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Ms. Victoria Hooper, family support coordinator, Nashville District, holds the prestigious USACE family readiness individual excellence award with Lt. Col. Anthony Mitchell, Nashville District Commander. Hooper was presented the trophy by Lieutenant General Robert L. "Van" Van Antwerp, the US Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the US Army Corps Engineers (USACE) in Seattle, Wa., when she represented the Great Lakes and Ohio river Division. She was selected as the Nashville District Family Readiness Coordinator because her career long passion has centered on taking care of her fellow Corps family. Hooper's positive and caring attitude enables her

to successfully create and maintain relationships with the deployee's family. She has developed extensive support programs to help the deployee and his or her family. She developed an exceptional family readiness network website and produced a recommended reading list of publications on the customs, culture, and histories of Iraq and Afghanistan. She also created a Family Assistance Handbook and a Reuniting Handbook. She ensures families are acknowledged for their sacrifices and contributions upon an employee's return. The Chief of Engineers continues for the second year to recognize exceptional contributions by both individuals and teams in Family Readiness.

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During the re-opening of the Cheatham Lock "A" campground youth gather and play at the playground. Families from far away as Texas and Kanas traveled to camp during the 4th of July weekend. As a result of the unprecedented rainfall event that occurred over the weekend of May 1-2, Cheatham Lock and Dam campgrounds sustained crippling damage by the Nashville Floods.



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District Park Ranger, Amy Redmond, from Old Hickory Lake hands out water safety items to young swimmers at the Old Hickory beach.



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Words from the Commander

“No one remembers the adversity you went through, only how you handle it.” ~Mike Ditka

I would like you to ponder on the quote, the word adversity and how we handled it. I would like you think back on how far we have come since that unprecedented rain event of May 1st and May 2nd. I'm sure as you reflect you can't forget about those who lost loved ones and those who suffered significant property damage and loss from this unprecedented flood. As I reflect, I'm most impressed by how the people, not only of Nashville, banded together for the common good of restoring, rebuilding, and recovery. Though, not a Tennessean, the cooperative effort I saw and continue to see reflects that of a true Volunteer State. I must say “Nashville, you handle it well”.

Throughout the months of May, June, and July our actions on 1-2 May have been questioned, reviewed, criticized, and complimented by the public, media, congressionals, partners, and stakeholders. Rightfully so, given a rain event of this magnitude...there is no escape for accountability and responsibility. And what I'm most proud of is how the Corps is willing to be just that, accountable and responsible. What a professional and prideful organization? There is simply not enough that can be said about a District that is willing to be objective, unbiased, and transparent in all their thoughts and action. There is not enough that can be said about a District that is willing to take an internal look at itself, and analyze

what happen and identify those areas that require improvement, with the end state of providing a better public service. There is not enough that can be said...

On 22 July 2010, the Senate Committee on Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee held a hearing on the Tennessee May 2010 Flood, of which MG John Peabody and I attended. The intent of this hearing was to share with the public our actions during the epic flood, as well as share lessons learned from our After Action Review. We welcomed this...an opportunity to tell our story. We wanted to tell of the heroic acts of our people during this extraordinary event, such as measuring water levels and adjusting gate levels at the height of the rain event.



Lt. Col. Anthony P. Mitchell

We wanted to make the public aware of how we minimized flood damages by holding an enormous quantity of water back and thus reduced the flood crest in Nashville by five (5) feet.

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Photo by Mark Rankin

Lt. Col Anthony Mitchell, Nashville District Commander presents Ken Hull a certificate of appreciation and retirement during his retirement ceremony on July 31.

Words from the Commander

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We wanted to make the public aware of efforts to save the Omuhundro Treatment Plant and how we likely prevented the Metro Center Levee from being over-topped with our aggressive water management operations. We also wanted to ensure an understanding that the water releases from Old Hickory Dam only when threatened of being overtopped averted a catastrophe and an additional four feet of water to the Nashville crest. Lastly, we wanted to relay our biggest fear that the loss of Old Hickory would have created additional devastation and potentially an increase in loss of life.

Initial AAR findings have yielded that the communication of water release information was the most significant issue believed to have affected the timely, accurate notification to the public. Also, a lack of common understanding of operations and terminology between the Corps and the National Weather Service impeded our collective abil-

ity to coordinate some issues during this dynamic situation. As a result, we are continuing to work closely with our agency partners to improve our interagency processes so we are better prepared to act in a synchronized interagency manner. The bottom line is flooding was unavoidable, given the nature of this unprecedented weather event. What we were able to determine is that a more aggressive interagency effort is needed to inform and alert the public about the risks of flooding as well as where and how to receive information, warnings, and predictions during an event. And as Paul Harvey would say "that's the rest of the story...."

Our goal remains to deliver the best possible solutions to the water resource challenges that face the citizens of Nashville. We intend to accomplish this through collaborative relationships forged with all officials with whom we work. I'm reminded by words that I came across that our Chief said "we

will be remembered largely by the heritage we create.

It is our choice as to whether succeeding generations will point with PRIDE to our work or be burdened by the legacy we leave them." Nashville District, I believe succeeding generations will point with pride. I want to thank each of you for the utmost professionalism and pride displayed for "no one remembers the adversity you went through, only how YOU handle it". Keep doing what you do best and our legacy will be one to be remembered.

Finally, let us remain safety conscious and practice it in all we do. And, remember our uniformed service members and civilians that are selflessly serving in a far and distant land on behalf of our great Nation.

The Nashville District Team is BUILDING STRONG® with Pride and Purpose!

Lt. Col. Anthony Mitchell

Yvette Walker named June Employee of the Month

Yvette Walker is named as the June 2010 Employee of the Month. She is a warranted contracting officer within the Contracting Division. Walker is being recognized for her commitment and tireless efforts in obtaining 100 percent reporting of all open contract actions issued under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding reporting requirements.

Under Ms. Walker's management of the program, the Nashville District has achieved the 100 percent reporting requirements by Walker devoting hundreds of hours to the mission success. She has personally contacted over 85 contractors by phone and mail numerous times during this fiscal quarter and reviewed each and every one of the contractor's data inputs to the web based system to ensure the accuracy of the data input. Her continued devotion to this program has given the Nashville District its required Green light for ARRA reporting. In addition to achieving this on top of carrying her normal work load during this fiscal quarter, Walker has managed to

train two interns in the reporting procedures in order to assume her role as reporting agent in October 2010. She deploys to the Middle East for a one-year period, Walker continues to demonstrate an untiring commitment and sense of pride to the Nashville District's mission and success. Walker has been instrumental to the enduring success of the Nashville District. Her dedication, professionalism, and SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE are a credit to the Nashville District, Corps of Engineers and distinctively identifies hers as a ROLE MODEL worthy to be emulated. Her actions are a prime example of a "can do, will do" attitude.



Whitworth, LeSturgeon, Ezell named May employees of the month

May was an EXTRAORDINARY month due to the unprecedented Flood of 2010 that called for some DISCIPLINED actions by some extraordinary PEOPLE.

Michael Ezell, Carol LeSturgeon and Hershel Whitworth were recognized on their selection as the District's EMPLOYEES of the Month for May 2010.

Ezell has been shift operator at Old Hickory Power Plant for over 25 years. The May 1-3 flood resulted in never before observed pool and river elevations at the Nashville Area dams and power plants. His exemplary performance during his shifts (and extra shifts) was an invaluable asset to the successful management of the historic flood.

Ezell's extensive experience and excellent training resulted in his being an integral member of the successful management by the Old Hickory/Cheatham Power Plant teams. Working extra duty, he was able to assist Chris Campbell, day shift operator, through the application of his knowledge of river operations and previous flood management. Ezell's outstanding contributions resulted in the minimization of damages while maximizing benefits of the Nashville area projects including Old Hickory, J. Percy Priest and Cheatham Power Plants and Dams.



Carol LeSturgeon and Hershel Whitworth serve as the senior forecasters in the Water Management Section of the Hydrology & Hydraulics Branch. While they began their Corps careers independently, for the past 26 years they have worked side by side (a Winning Team). They share the day to day (and nights and weekends) responsibility of operating the ten multi-purpose projects comprising the Cumberland River Basin Reservoir System. Working under the title "Hydraulics" they interact with a diverse customer base (both in-house and external) on a variety of topics.

For many they have served as the voice of the district's water management team. Their areas of expertise include drought management, hydropower, navigation, recreation, water quality, and water supply; but none are more important than flood control. Their value has



Photos by Richard Scott

(L to R) Hershel Whitworth, Lt. Anthony Mitchell, Nashville District Commander, Carol LeSturgeon and Michael Ezell. They were selected as the District's Employees of the month for May.

never been more evident than during the recent Cumberland Basin flood event. LeSturgeon and Whitworth were able to apply professional judgment to make a series of time-sensitive water control decisions to battle a flood the likes of which the Nashville District had never seen. Their actions, based on a wealth of experience accumulated over the years, are responsible for greatly reducing the impacts of this epic event in terms of property damage and lives lost.



The actions of Mike, Carol and Hershel are the prime example of "TEAMWORK".



Photos by Richard Scott

The Old Hickory Lock and Dam spills water during the May 1-3 flood in Nashville, TN.

GMT FEW recognized at National Training Program

Story by Mark Rankin, Public Affairs Specialist and Stephanie Coleman, EEO Specialist

This year Federally Employed Women (FEW) celebrated 41 years of excellence in education and held their 41st National Training Program (NTP) July 12-16, 2010, in New Orleans, LA. This year's theme was "Jazz Up Your Career".

Eight members of the Greater Middle Tennessee (GMT) Chapter from Nashville, TN joined more than 2,600 in attendance. Those members were: Sylvia Brown, Southeast (SE) Regional Manager; Vicky Caldwell, GMT Chapter President; Adrienne Washington, VP Programs; Terry Bowls, Treasurer; Trena Mitchell, Community Service Chair; Arnette Hardage, Legislation Chair; and Carol Daniels.

During the July 12, 2010 session, the Southeast Region of FEW received a National Regional Achievement Award and the Greater Middle Tennessee Chapter was given a 2010 Chapter Challenger Award for its participation in FEW: A Helping Hand. The chapter made a donation in support of this community service project which assisted the students of two New Orleans Public Schools.

The Regional Achievement Award was accepted by Sylvia Brown, FEW SE Regional Manager and a Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee.

"It feels great to receive this award on behalf of our region," said Brown, she believes the success of the

chapter stems from continuous support of each member, obtaining goals and objectives by continually holding meetings in compliance, diversity, legislation, training and the four focus areas of FEW.

The NTP is an annual event sponsored by FEW. The training curriculum of NTP is focused on providing a wide range of training. Sessions at the conference were specifically targeted at the novice, skilled, and expert levels so that participants could select training suited to their special needs. The NTP is a nation-wide training and networking event designed to provide high-quality training for FEW's members and everyone who recognizes education as a means to achieve career success. The NTP is one of the most comprehensive training programs of its kind. Participants connect with leaders in education, business and industry through training classes, in the expo hall and during special events. Attendees learn more about issues, products and services that they can use in their jobs.

FEW's National Training Program provides outstanding training. No other training institution provides such a variety of high quality training with the added advantage of providing it in a single location during an intensive training week.

Participation included employees from several Federal Agencies. Agency Forums were conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Agriculture, National Guard Bureau, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Energy, the U.S. Marshals Office, Office of Personnel Management, the National Parks Service, the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Navy, and the Department of Commerce.

FEW National President, Sue Webster, who recently visited Nashville, hosted a Diversity Town Hall Meeting which included the Presidents of Blacks in Government, Federal Asian Pacific American Council, National IMAGE, Inc. for Hispanic Government Employees and the Society of American Indian Government Employees. Trena Mitchell, a new member from the Greater Middle Tennessee chapter said she had the opportunity to participate in the military day training activities, meet



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fellow FEW members from around the country and was impressed by so many professional women focused on advancement and equality.

“This was a great opportunity and I highly recommend all women who are government employees and those men who choose to, to definitely seek membership,” said Mitchell. “The benefits gained from being a member of FEW are endless.”

Attendees include civilian, federal and military executives, senior management officials and officers, line supervisors and employees representing a wide variety of occupation including: accountants, computer specialists, procurement, acquisition officials, equal employment opportunity and diversity managers, administrative and clerical specialists, engineers and scientists, park and forest rangers, training specialists, human resource specialists and more. You do not have to be a federal employee to attend the NTP, as many of the course offerings cover a broad range of subjects and do not specifically apply solely to federal employment.

In addition to the excellent training presented, Lt. Col. Mitchell, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District along with other military officers and senior executive service managers, participated in a Leadership Panel. Lt. Col. Mitchell’s topic was “Adaptability”. Other topics discussed were Mentorship, Teamwork, Partnering, and Service Motivation.

Training has been a major objective of FEW since its inception. Aware that federally employed women needed quality training in career development and assistance with developing their leadership potential, FEW sponsored its first annual training program soon after its founding. The event consisted of a keynote address by Kentucky Senator Marlowe Cook and four training sessions. From this beginning, FEW’s annual training program has grown over the years and now offers more than 140 workshops on leadership focused topics and is attended by more than 2,000 women and men each year.

“I was able to attend technical classes which included Statistics, Business Analysis, Excel Pivot Tables, as well as several leadership classes, and the opportunity to network with instructors and other government employees that I can call upon for assistance in the future,” said

Vicky Caldwell, president, GMT Chapter, from Nashville, TN.

The Southeast region consists of 360 members from nine states that make up 15 chapters. The Chapters are: Derby City Chapter, Louisville, Ky; Frances D. Gage Chapter, Parkersburg, WV; Garden City Chapter, Augusta, Ga; Gator Nation Chapter, Gainesville, Fl; Greater Atlanta Chapter, Atlanta, GA; Greater Middle Tennessee Chapter, Nashville, TN; Magnolia chapter, Pascagoula, Ms; Montgomery Chapter, Montgomery, Al; North Alabama Chapter, Huntsville, AL; Oak Ridge Chapter, Oak Ridge, TN; Pensacola Area Chapter, Pensacola, Fl; River City Chapter, Vicksburg, Ms; Savannah River, Aiken, SC; Space Coast Chapter, Kennedy Space Center, Fl, and the Sunshine Coast Chapter, Tampa Fl.

As its financial base grows through participation in the Combined Federal Campaign and other revenue streams, FEW will continue to offer scholarships to national and regional training programs as well as research additional ways the Foundation can assist members and their families through education and training. For more information, visit www.fewfoundation.org.



(LtoR) Leaders invited to participate in the FEW leadership panel include: Ms. Trish Hamburger, NAVSEA, Director and Technical Authority for Warfare Systems Engineering, Lt. Col. Anthony Mitchell, Commander, Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Ms. Sue Webster, FEW National President, Navy Capt. Chuck LaSorta, Navy Acquisition Professional, Ms. Soraya Correa, Director of the Office of Procurement Operations, and Navy Capt. Myles Esmele Jr., Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC)



Just To Be On The Safe Side...

Fire Extinguisher Safety

By Rod Kellow, Chief of Safety, Nashville District

TEAM, I hope each of you has been doing awesome! During the last few months, I have been able to visit numerous construction and operations projects throughout our wonderful district. One thing I have observed is that we have many portable fire extinguishers (PFE's). Having PFE's around is a very good thing provided that:

- * They are mounted appropriately and are not obstructed
- * They are properly inspected, serviced, tested and maintained.
- * Team members are properly trained on how to use them

PFE's shall be distributed per Table 9-4 on page 191 of EM-385-1-1. There are numerous size/class requirements concerning PFE's in EM-385-1-1 pertaining to trucks, material storage areas, flammable storage or etc. What I recommend is that Supervisors and Collateral Duty Safety Officers (CDSO's) do an EM-385-1-1 (2008) electronic word search for "fire extinguisher" at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/CESO/Pages/EM385-1-1.aspx> to determine specific requirements that pertain to your project or situation.

PFE's have to be approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and labeled to identify the testing lab such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). PFE's shall be inspected monthly and maintained as specified in NFPA 10. Monthly inspections have to be recorded. This means that a trained LRN team member conducts a proper monthly inspection to ensure that each PFE in his/her assigned area are: charged, have the pull pin in place, have the breakable seal in place, have no visible defects in the barrel, handle or hose, are clean (no spider webs, thick dust on extinguisher etc.) and are not obstructed (always allow 180-degrees of clearance below and around each PFE for proper emergency access).

Essentially our projects use a PFE service company from the yellow pages that will take a government credit

card to perform annual service inspections, 6-year maintenance and 12-year hydrostatic testing. Please just ensure that your PFE vendor properly documents whatever they do. Annual service inspection of a PFE is accomplished by the inspection tag, the vendor dates, and attache to the extinguisher gauge or neck; whereas 6-year maintenance and 12-year hydrostatic testing requires a barrel sticker that is dated and lists what was performed, as well as, a service collar attached around the neck of the PFE.

Now concerning training, many of our team members may not be aware that Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and USACE requires annual PFE training. Training is available on the District Safety intranet site at: <https://www2.lrn.usace.army.mil/safety/Training.htm>

Supervisors need to ensure documentation is on file for each worker to validate annual PFE training. The best way to do this may be to present the training slides with a projector at a toolbox Safety meeting each year (be sure to file the sign-in roster).

IF you have any PFE questions feel free to contact your District Safety Office! "Think Safety Not Just Compliance"





FEW Present W.O.M.E.N with Donation

Stephanie Coleman reads a poem written by her for Ms Catherine Wyatt-Morley.

A Poem to W.O.M.E.N.

By Stephanie H. Coleman

“Catherine, you are amazing
And for all that you are and do
We’re here at this chapter gathering
To make a presentation to you

“You are doing a remarkable thing
And we know you don’t want the glory
But you had our very hearts
From the first time you told your story

“Your passion and your purpose
Your staunch ability to keep it real
Opening the eyes of the young and old
About the hands this life can deal

“Blooming where you’ve been planted
Working with what you’ve got
Taking each and every little bit
And through service, making it a lot

“To Women on Maintaining Education
and Nutrition
We give appreciative applause
And will continue as a chapter to do
Whatever we can to support the cause

“So on behalf of the GMT Chapter
And all of the lives you touch
We just want to say to you
Thank you so very much.”



Photos by Richard Scott

The Greater Middle Tennessee (GMT) of Federally Employed Women (FEW) presented Ms. Catherine Wyatt-Morley a donation of \$500. Ms. Wyatt-Morley is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Women On Maintaining Education and Nutrition (W.O.M.E.N.) Since its inception in 1996, W.O.M.E.N. has provided support, advice/referral, education, and nutrition information for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The GMT Chapter has supported W.O.M.E.N. by donating food, funds and supplies as an ongoing community service project.



Photos by Richard Scott

The Greater Middle Tennessee (GMT) chapter members of Federally Employed Women (FEW) (L to R) Stephanie Coleman, Vicky Caldwell, Ms. Catherine Wyatt-Morley, Terry Bowls, Carol Haynes, Tennesse Henderson, (back row) Lt. Col. Anthony Mitchell, Andreas Patterson, David Clausen, Arnette Hardage, Adrienne Washington, Trena Mitchell and Deborah Fletcher.

Gone Fishin' at the Bustin' Rodeo

Toddlers to teens tangle with catfish at the Cheatham 2010 Fish Bustin' Rodeo

Story and Photos by Fred Tucker, Public Affairs Specialist

The Cheatham 2010 Fish Bustin' Rodeo was a success with 126 registered anglers ranging in age from a few months to 15 years competing for trophies in three age groups as recently stocked catfish bent many rods and broke several lines at the Cheatham Dam fish pond June 12, 2010.

Accompanying family and friends brought attendance to more than 300 on a hot Saturday morning where the early bite was excellent, there were door prizes ranging from fishing rods to bicycles provided by generous donors from middle Tennessee and free food and drink was served by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cheatham Lake staff.

Morgan Grace, 9, took largest fish honors with a 5.9-pound catfish. "When I started reeling it in, it pulled back so hard it scared me. It was very heavy," Morgan said.

Winners in the 0-5 year age group were Arianna Tansil, 4, with 7.75 pounds; Tyler Meadows, 4, with 6.95 pounds; and Tristan Watts, 4, with 4.95 pounds.

Winners in the 6-10 year age group were Trent Ross, 7, with 20.35 pounds; Michael Settle, 6, with 18.85 pounds; and Laith Norvell with 10.65 pounds.

Devon Ross, 14, took first place in the 11-15 year age group with 24.6 pounds; Taylor Tansil took second place with 16.65 pounds; and Alec Szostecki was third, with 12.75 pounds.

Morgan Grace said four families who convoyed to the Fish Bustin' Rodeo pooled their fish for a Father's Day fish fry. "I had so much fun fishing with all our friends and we enjoyed getting together to eat the fish," she said.

When asked if she wanted to go back to Cheatham next year, Morgan replied, "Absolutely!"

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, American Bass Anglers and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, with help and generous donations from numerous organizations and individuals in middle Tennessee, according to Charlie Leath, Cheatham Lake conservation biologist.



Winners in the 11-15 year age group at the 19th Annual Fish Bustin' Rodeo at Cheatham Dam Fish Pond June 12, 2010, are Devon Ross, 14, (left), 1st Place with 24.6 pounds; Taylor Tansil, 15, (center), 2nd Place with 16.65 pounds; and Alec Szostecki, 12, (right), 12.75 pounds.



Winners in the 6-10 year age group at the 19th Annual Fish Bustin' Rodeo at Cheatham Dam Fish Pond June 12, 2010, are Trent Ross, 7, (center), 1st Place with 20.35 pounds; Michael Settle, 6, (left), 2nd Place with 18.85 pounds; and Laith Norvell, 6, (right), 3rd Place with 10.65 pounds.



Michael Settle, 6, shows his championship form as he fights one of the catfish in his five-fish, 18.85-pound total which earned him second place in the 6-10 year age group at the 19th Annual Fish Bustin' Rodeo at the Cheatham Dam Fish Pond June 12,



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Morgan Grace, 9, proudly displays (with help) her 5.9-pound catfish which was the largest caught at the 19th Annual Fish Bustin' Rodeo at the Cheatham Dam Fish Pond June 12,



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Deployment Diary

Hooper Lauded for dedication, commitment and Family Readiness Excellence in ceremony

“It only takes you seconds to realize you’ve met some one really special after meeting or coming into contact with Mrs. Victoria Hooper,” said Maj. General John Peabody LRD Commander of the Nashville District Deployment Coordinator’s passion when it comes to serving God and Country.

On August 2, 2010 Mrs. Victoria Hooper, LRN family support coordinator, represented the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and was presented the Family Readiness Individual Award of Excellence by Lt. Gen. Robert L. “Van” Van Antwerp during the Family Readiness awards panel at the National Awards Dinner and Ceremony. Mrs. Hooper continues to work tirelessly in support of LRN deployed personnel.



Lieutenant General Robert L. “Van” Van Antwerp, the US Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the US Army Corps Engineers (USACE) and Ms. Victoria Hooper hold the trophy that was awarded to her on August 2, 2010 when she represented the Great Lakes and Ohio Division in Seattle, Washington at the National Awards Dinner and Ceremony.

Deployment Opportunities available

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues to play a key role in defense operations as well as responding to natural disasters, both at home and abroad. Civilian employees have deployed in support of military operations throughout history. USACE civilians have been used in the past to support military operations, humanitarian relief, peace support operations, conflicts and war. USACE civilians will continue to be needed to support these types of operations in the future and must be prepared to provide support for these endeavors. Volunteer for a position today.



- * **Gulf Region District is seeking skilled engineers in all areas**
- * **Volunteers need to manage more than 250 ongoing projects**
- * **6-month and 12-month deployments are still available**
- * **GRD will remain a District through most of 2011**
- * **Contact your District Deployment Coordinator, Delia (Dee) Rivera at 615-736-2028 for more details and information.**

Edgar Evins Marina recognized as First Marina on Center Hill lake to earn “Clean Marina.”

Story by Steve Foshee, Public Affairs Specialist

Edgar Evins Marina was recently recognized as the first marina on Center Hill Lake to earn the coveted Clean Marina certificate. It's a commitment to pollution prevention and water resource protection according to the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Partnership.

Lt. Col. Anthony P. Mitchell, Commander of the Nashville District of the Army Corps of Engineers, said, “we are celebrating the Clean Marina Program which is a voluntary program implemented by the Corps and its watershed partners; Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency and Cumberland River Compact to promote environmentally responsible marina and boating practice. The program was modeled after the Tennessee Valley Clean Marina Initiative, which currently has 85 participating marinas, and established in support of the National Clean Boating Campaign. Of those, 58 are located in TN.”

The seven priorities of the program include sewage management; fuel management; solid waste and petroleum recycling and disposal; vessel operation, maintenance and repair; marina siting, design and maintenance; stormwater management and erosion control; and public education. Marinas that go through an inspection and earn the Clean Marina status can schedule repeat inspections every five years to retain their status.

“One gallon of spilled oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water,” said Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan of the Ten-



Photo by Steve Foshee

(L to R) Tim Dunn, Center Hill Resource Manager; Terri Lynn Weaver, Tenn State Representative 40th District; Kaye Tuggle, General Manager, Edgar Evins Marina; Senator Mae Beavers, 17th District; Lt. Col. Anthony Mitchell, Nashville District Commander and DeKalb County Mayor Mike Foster pose at the Edgar Evins Marina ceremony.

nessee Department of Conservation and Environment. “We’ve got 60,000 miles of streams in this space and we’re blessed to have that resource. We’ve got over half a million, 500 thousand acres of lakes and yet today we have roughly 40 percent of those waters that are not fully meeting their designated usage. So, we have a job in front of us, and it’s efforts like this that give all of us the confidence that we can meet that job.” Kaye Tuggle, Edgar Evins Marina general manager and her staff were honored for their Clean marina accomplishments. The Clean Marina Certificate and Clean Marina Flag were presented by Lt. Col. Anthony P. Mitchell.

Mitchell said, “Mrs. Tuggle has demonstrated that she is willing to go that extra mile to become a Clean Marina. That speaks to

going from Good to Great. She’s delivering what we consider a superior performance and she is setting the example for others to follow.”

Distinguished guests included; Paul Sloan, Lt. Col. Mitchell, Sen. Mae Beavers, State Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver, DeKalb County Mayor Mike Foster, Edgar Evins State Park Manager Carl Halfacre, and other officials from TWRA and the Cumberland River Compact.

Currently the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, has four marinas designated as clean marinas; Willow Grove and Sunset at Dale Hollow Lake, Anchor High and Drakes Creek at Old Hickory Lake. Five other marinas Creekwood at Old Hickory Lake, Cedar Hill and Mitchell Creek at Dale Hollow, State Dock at Lake Cumberland and Hurricane at Center Hill that have pledged to become Clean Marinas.

Heroics at Cheatham recognized by Nashville District Commander

Story and Photo by Fred Tucker, Public Affairs Specialist

Heroic efforts of Roy Janiro, Bill Janiro and Larry Sandlin were recognized on July 14, in a brief ceremony at the Cheatham Lock and Dam. The site is near the area where David Davis, 59, was rescued by the three after the boat he was fishing in boat capsized near the discharge area of the Cheatham Power Plant on June 26, 2010. Ben Shutt, 69, a close friend and fishing partner of Davis drowned in the accident.

Lt. Col. Anthony P. Mitchell, commander of Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, praised the trio for their quick thinking, heroic efforts and presented them with certificates and Commander's Coins from the Corps.

Their citations read: "For exceptional actions and selfless response to a life-threatening situation that occurred on June 26, 2010. The three were fishing nearby when they responded to Davis and Shutt who were in the water near the discharge area.

"Their quick response and courageous actions resulted in the life-saving rescue of Davis," said Mitchell. "Their exceptional level of heroism, bravery, and commitment to community is recognized and appreciated by the Nashville District Corps of Engineers," he added.

"I knew they were in trouble when their boat entered the swirling water near the power plant," said Roy Janiro.

"We raced to the area to look for them and placed my boat between where the two had momentarily surfaced and gone back under."

Neither Davis nor Shutt were able to activate their manually inflatable life vests, nor were they able to grab a rope thrown to them according to the rescuers.

Bill Janiro said he grabbed Davis' arm, (who was unconscious) before he submerged again, and together, the trio pulled Davis' 200 pound frame into their boat.

"I began Cardio pulmonary Resuscitation, with the chest compressions as we learned in CPR class, said Bill Janiro. "I did not want to press too hard and risk breaking a rib, but after the 10th compression, I applied more pressure with each push and 13 was the lucky number," said Janiro, a high school teacher visiting from Pennsylvania.

Roy Janiro and Larry Sandlin scanned the water for Shutt and waited for a chance to grab him but he never resurfaced.



Photo by Fred Tucker

From left, Lt.Col. Anthony P. Mitchell, Commander of Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; rescuers Larry Sandlin and Roy Janiro; David Davis; and rescuer Bill Janiro pause for a photo after Mitchell presented the rescuers with Certificates of Appreciation and Commander's coins for saving Davis' life in a boating accident on June 26, 2010. Davis attended the presentation and thanked the men for their heroics.

Janio said, after CPR, Davis convulsed and began spewing river water from his mouth. He turned him on his side as he continued to cough up more water.

"We stabilized him and took him to the boat ramp for emergency care then to the hospital while the Emergency River Rescue boat and other emergency personnel continued their search for Shutt," Bill Janiro added.

Sandlin said they yelled at Davis and Shutt to start their big motor when they saw their boat going toward the dam, but it was too late.

Davis attended the Certificate presentation and thanked the men for their heroics and saving his life.

"It happened so fast," said Davis. "It was unbelievable." Davis said he has fished at the Cheatham Dam several times before with Ben Shutt.

Davis said he dove for the console and tried to start the engine, but the next thing he remembered is being tossed around underwater. "While underwater, I was hit by the boat and tossed around and could not find the cord to inflate my manually inflatable life vest," said Davis. He said he remembers fighting his way to the surface twice, and then, everything went black."

Davis thanked his rescuers, and told Lt. Col. Mitchell he would gladly volunteer to assist the Corps of Engineers in any dam safety awareness efforts in the future.

Nashville District EAGLE Program gains leadership skills through teamwork

Story compiled by members of the EAGLE Class 2010

The 2010 Eagle program (Employees Achieving Greatness and Leadership Excellence) participants with the Nashville District began the 2010 curriculum on May 28 through June 5 with an Orientation at Belmont University.

Meetings were held at the Scarlett Leadership Institute at Belmont University May 26 and 27. During this session the class completed a Myers-Briggs personality profile for each individual and then discussed the results of each option of the personality profiles. They paired into groups of the different personality traits and performed tasks to illustrate the way different people go about doing things, and how they interact with others and see the world around them. They also made shields that described us individually. On the shield they made six sections: the most fun they have ever had, if they had a year to live what would they do, their favorite possession, words to put on their tomb stone, words that people would use to describe them at work and their greatest achievement. The shield exercise was a great ice breaker and it helped their group get comfortable with each other in a classroom setting.

During this session they also formed the activity teams: Blue Lightning; Golden Eagles; F4's; and the Corp 4. They played various team building games like group word scramble and an egg toss. After the second day of events, the Corp 4 was leading the pack, but at this point it could be anybody's game. The most important thing about the team building exercise is that they were learning to work together with other Corps employees that they don't normally work with on a day-to-day basis. They really enjoyed the diversity of the people in the entire class. Since I work in the district office it is really nice to meet employees that work at various projects and find out what they do that helps the entire picture of the Nashville District work by participating in these team building exercises. Without getting involved in activities that involve more than just day to day technical work an employee can really miss out on the bigger mission of the Corps and that they are a team that has to work together to succeed.

On Tuesday, June 22, their meeting was held at the Nashville District Office with a focus on leadership styles. Their speaker Major William Judson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Deputy District



Photo by Eagle Group 2010

(Standing) Janet Smith leads a group in a team building discussion during a recent 2010 EAGLE class participation session at the Scarlett Leadership Institute at Belmont College.

Engineer welcomed the class and discussed his leadership philosophy, which promotes innovation and a collaborative approach to projects. The day continued with various department heads providing an overview of their departmental responsibilities, as well as their personal management and leadership styles.

As part of the EAGLE 2010 program, the class is participating in two service projects in the fall, an in-house service project and a local community service project. They group voted to volunteer time with Hands-on Nashville and the Cheatham Project to aid flood recovery efforts.

On Wednesday, 23 June 2010, class was held at the Old Hickory Project and included an in-depth tour of resource management, the powerhouse and lock/dam operations. The day concluded with a presentation by the public affairs office, conducted by Fred Tucker, Steve Foshee, and Richard Scott from ACE-IT for media support. EAGLE participants were individually filmed in a TV interview format, which was a new experience for most of them and not for the faint of heart!

EAGLE offers exposure to new experiences that provides key information for a better overall knowledge of the Corps of Engineers as a whole. The course also offers training and valuable learning tools to hone their skills both as a professional and as an individual representing the Corps of Engineers.

The Corps Crowd

Sympathy to...

...the family of Tommy Clayton who passed away on May 29, 2010. Tommy was a retired construction representative with the Upper Cumberland office in Pineville, Ky

...Walt Green whose wife Debbie passed on July 24, 2010. Walt is a project manager in the Planning Branch.

...Sovireak In whose father Mr. Tuon In passed on May 29, 2010. Sovireak In works in the civil Design group in Engineering Construction.

... the family of Mary Hayeland whose husband Richard Hayeland passed on June 11, 2010. Mary retired Administrative Assistant at Cheatham Power.

...the family of Ann Margolis who passed away on June 11. Ann was a retiree from J. Percy Priest Lake.

...Teresa Bowlin whose father, Eddie Patillo Mays, passed away today, 29 July 2010. Teresa is Budget Technician for the Nashville Operations Area.

... Rick Williams whose mother Lucy Williams Crabtree passed away on June 20, 2010. Rick Williams is a retired Civil Engineer Tech, Operations Division, Navigation Branch.

...Connie Hardeman whose husband Bud Hardeman, a former Corps Employee passed away on Connie is the Chief of Security.

... Gregory T. Nivens whose brother, Dr. James Michael Nivens passed away on August 11, 2010. Greg is a Park Ranger at Dale Hollow Lake.

... Sylvia Brown whose mother Mrs. Mary Dobson, passed away on August 14, 2010. Sylvia is an admin-

istrative assistant in the Engineering and Construction division

...Stacy Greer, whose husband Daniel Greer son-in-law of Bill Bennett, Nashville District Safety employee. passed on August 8, 2010. Stacy Greer, is an ACEIT employee. Daniel was deployed with a Knoxville-based Marine Corps Reserve Unit serving in Southern Afghanistan.

... the family of James O. Johnson who passed away August 8, 2010 he was a retired Power Plant Electrician and one of the District's re-hired annuitant at the Wolf Creek power-plant.

Thank you...

"Thank you all so much for your kind words, cards, emails, flowers, and most of all, your support during the passing of my mom, Deborah Brandstetter. She was truly a special woman and it meant so much to her that I could be with her during doctor's appointments and chemotherapy treatments over the last year and a half. I thank you all for giving me the support I needed to do so," Ashley Klimaszewski

"I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and condolences for my Mothers' passing. It is very comforting to know friends and co-workers are thinking of you in your time of need. The kind words and cards were very uplifting during this difficult time," Best Regards, Robin Broils-Cox

"I would to thank everyone for cards, plant and prayers for the death of my father. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are helping me cope and get me through this," Sovireak In

"Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, cards and charitable dona-

tions associated with the death of my wife, Debbie. Your kindness is helping me cope with the situation. I learned the hard way what a wonderful organization Alive Hospice is, they deserve the great donation you made in honor of my wife. And since I have your attention, I must strongly suggest that you and your loved ones get their recommended yearly health screenings. If my Debbie had gotten her colonoscopy when she should have, she would never have gotten cancer. Before her, there was no history of colon cancer in her family; it is important to stay vigilant. Thank," Walt Green

"Thank you for the flowers, plants, cards and kind words in regards to the loss of my mom. She passed away suddenly and she will be greatly missed. It means a lot to have folks that care and your thoughtfulness will help get me through this. I am so sorry for those who have also had recent losses. It is difficult to go through, and maybe somehow this will help bring us closer together," Jeff Hitchcock

Baby Brigade to...

... Jon and wife Elizebeth "Beth" Stinson

on the birth of their first child, Sophia Clare Stinson, 6 lbs 14 oz, 19in. long, born July 18. Jon works in Operations Management Support Branch and Beth is a Project Management Specialist in Programs Section. Also, proud grandfather "Buddy" Stinson who is a "PC" Technician with ACEIT.



Snapshots from Around the District



Photo by Richard Scott

Major William Judson, Deputy District Commander, Nashville District presents Allison Jarrett with a Commanders Certificate of Civilian Service. Jarrett left the Corps in July to pursue her Masters' Degree in New York City.



Photo by Mark Rankin

Doug Delong Project Manager for the Metro Levee project is interviewed by John Dunn from local TV station Fox 13 as Sonia Harvat, Public Information officer for Metro water services looks on.



Photo by Mark Rankin

Robert "Bob" Sneed, Chief of Water Management provides a brief at the Old Hickory Lock and Dam to students attending the Summer Transportation Institute (STI) at Tennessee State University. Don Getty, Carolyn Bauer, Olga Beddingfield, Jeff Ross, Mark Rankin, Charlie Bryan and Tennesse Henderson presented information to the group of 20 students.



Photo by Mark Rankin

Charlie Bryan and Jeff Ross provided a guided tour of the Old Hickory Lock and Dam to the students attending the Summer Transportation Institute, at the Tennessee State University.

Delta Mariner Transits Wheeler Lock and Dam

Story by Fred Tucker, Public Affairs Specialist

As the vessel came into view approaching Wheeler Lock, Rogersville, Ala., recently, it was obviously not one of the typical barge tows that Lock Operator Kenneth D. Horton assists transiting the lock.

Wide of beam, riding high in the water, the 312-foot long, shallow draft, and ocean-going cargo ship more closely resembled what one might envision as a modern day version of Noah's Ark.

However, rather than carrying pairs of animals and birds of every species, the DELTA MARINER's cargo was one or more high value, sensitive, 150-foot long, 16-foot diameter, Delta 4 Common Booster Core (CBC) rocket stages and possibly other equipment loaded the previous day at the United Launch Alliance (ULA) facility in Decatur, Ala.

ULA is a 50-50 joint venture between Lockheed Martin and The Boeing Company formed in 2006 to provide reliable, cost-efficient access to space for U.S. government missions. By combining one or more CBC's with various upper stages or strap-on solid rocket boosters, the Delta 4 can handle an extreme range of satellite weights for military, civilian and commercial customers according to ULA.

The DELTA MARINER moves Delta 4 rocket stages that are too big for land-based trucks or high-flying cargo aircraft from the Decatur factory located between Tennessee River mile 298 and 299 to Delta 4 launch site operations at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., and Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.



Photo by Fred Tucker

The 312-foot long, shallow draft, ocean -going Delta Mariner transits Wheeler Lock, in Rogersville, Ala., recently with three 150-foot long, 16 foot diameter Delta 4 Common Booster Core rocket stages in it's cavernous hold.

"Wheeler Lock personnel strive to provide outstanding service to all passing through our facility. Vessels such as the DELTA MARINER are a valuable asset to our country and national security and we support their mission by giving them locking precedence when needed, said Lockmaster Donald L. Dean.

Longer than a football field, the 8,000 horsepower DELTA MARINER can carry up to three CBC's and associated upper stage, nose cone and other equipment inside its high-volume cargo bay at the same time, enough for one heavy-lifting Delta 4 mission.

The first 298 miles of the vessel's journey are on the Tennessee River where the locks are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District lock operators.

After passing through Wheeler Lock at Tennessee River mile 274.9, the cavernous DELTA MARINER passed through Wilson Lock, Florence, Ala., at mile 259.4; Pickwick Lock, Counce, Tenn., at mile 206.7; and Kentucky Lock, Grand Rivers, Ky., at mile 22.4 on its journey to the Ohio River, down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, and around the Florida peninsula en route to a launch site at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., this trip.

"It's all in a day's work, getting commercial and recreational vessels safely through our locks, whether it's a salt-of-the-earth fisherman in a jon boat or the DELTA MARINER with a multi-million dollar cargo," said lock operator Keith D. Horton, a veteran of 32 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District.



ULA Photo

Three 150-foot long, 16 foot diameter , Delta 4 Common Booster Core (CBC) rocket stages are loaded into the cavernous cargo hold of the shallow draft, sea-going vessel Delta Mariner at the United Launch Alliance facility in Decatur, Ala.



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- People drawing or measuring important buildings
- People asking questions about security forces, security measures, or sensitive information
- Briefcase, backpack, suitcase, or package left unattended
- Vehicle parked in NO PARKING ZONES in front of an important building
- People in restricted areas where they are not supposed to be
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs
- People purchasing weapons or uniforms without proper credentials

Primary Reporting Methods:

- Military Police
- Local law enforcement
- Security forces
- Chain of command

What to Report

- Day & time activity occurred
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- How many people were involved
- How many and type of vehicles involved
- What type of activity
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